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**Subject:** RE: Press questions from WSJ  
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Attached a first draft of some potential responses.

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Hi- see below. Lou can you help w a response? Deadline later today.

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Begin forwarded message:

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Questions from Heidi Vogt. She has a deadline for later today, can you provide us some preliminary responses here?

Sure. There may be a few followups to these once I've got responses, but these are the main ones:

- Did EPA leadership go back to program offices (I believe in October) and tell them to reduce their list of chemicals they wanted IRIS to assess to a maximum of 4? If so, how does this square with Wheeler's statement that they were given complete latitude?
- Wheeler said OAR did not submit and chemicals for assessment. This seems surprising. Did OAR give any reason for this or does EPA have a comment on why that office would not want any research at this point?
- Did OAR career staff say the formaldehyde assessment was needed? If so, why did it not make it on the final list?
- How many program offices did submit a list of chemicals for assessments, and which ones?
- Obviously there have been allegations that Nancy Beck and David Dunlap have conflicts of interest because of there previous jobs. What is EPA's comment on this?
- Why have completed IRIS reports not been released, even for internal review? And in particular formaldehyde
- Given that formaldehyde is likely to be listed as a priority chemical for TSCA, how can it not be a priority for IRIS research?
- My understanding is that the EPA is required to consider IRIS reports when designing regulations and prioritize those results over outside research. Is this correct?